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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were presented for examination in the present application and remain pending upon entry of the instant amendment.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-28.

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner, namely to include the "dust separated from" clarification. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 1 and 15 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. More particularly, the Office Action objected to the term "impeller". Claims 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, and 17 have been amended to remove the objected term. It is submitted that this amendment merely makes explicit what had been implicit in the claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-28 are respectfully requested.

To better conform to the specification and abstract to the claims, as amended, the specification and abstract have also been amended to remove the objected "impeller" term. In addition, the abstract has been amended in compliance with the length requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.72.

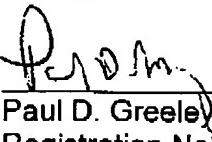
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for issuance. Such action is solicited.

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If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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